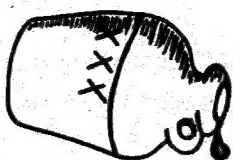


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## PREVIEW OF COMING DISTRACTIONS

April	16-17	CD Open Party (cw)	May	21-22	New York QSO Party
	23-24	CD Party Open Phone		23	NCCC Club Meeting Hayward
	25	NCCC Club Meeting Hayward	June	11-12	VHF QSO Party
May	7-9	Georgia QSO Party		18-19	ALL ASIAN DX TEST (phone)
	14-15	Kansas QSO Party		25-26	Field Day
	14-16	Michigan QSO Party		27	NCCC Club Meeting Hayward

# And We're Off ---- Again,

## THE LAST POOP

WHEW! Now that ARRL DX, WPX and the Open CD Parties are finally over, maybe we can say that the heavy contest season is also finally over - at least until Field Day, that is!! The time is now for statistical analysis, planning summer antenna upgrading projects and good, old-fashioned socializing...e.g. K6SG's picnic in June and the (yes, once again, guys) NCCC summer Olympics in SCV in September, et al.

Fresno and the party at the PAA-PAD featured a superlative gathering of the contest "heavies" from all over the U.S. There were also some fun contest-related activities - the forum, CEP's QRM copying tape test and BHY's pile-up tape. Most of us, however, came away with the feeling that more contest programming is definitely needed.

The idea of a West Coast Contesters gathering was renewed. Perhaps our new BOD will make this a pet project for the coming year. It seems time for the NCCC and other West Coast contest groups to make their presence known and become an active part of the influential aspect of our special interest in amateur radio.

Speaking of our new BOD, they will be elected at our next meeting (April 25th) in Hayward. The incumbent board will present a slate of officers and multiple choices for the Director positions.

You, the NCCC Membership in attendance, will actually decide who the new leadership team will be - a more democratic procedure than we have adopted in the past. The top three slots have only one recommendation each, which the current BOD has selected after much deliberation concerning all the candidates over the past two to three months. So...please do exercise your right to vote and show up at the meeting!!

Initial FD plans will be covered at the meeting by the FD honcho, Bruce, (Bluce to you JA types!). According to our FD leader, we have currently at least three club teams that are in the process of scheming how to kick the butt of the SCCC's entry in 3-A. Bring your ideas along to the meeting.

This marks the end of the NCCC's current administration, and therefore the last PAA - POOP finale. I want to thank the entire membership and the BOD for the hard work and cooperation that gave us another dynamite year for our club. This same kind of spirit will guarantee even bigger and better things ahead for the NCCC and its new leadership that you select next Monday.

Come out and VOTE !  
(a paid political announcement by W6PAA)  
CU, PAA

*Ken*

This reproduction of the original article that appeared in Mr. Jack Anderson's syndicated column in the San Francisco Chronicle on April 4, 1977 serves as a mute reminder of the fact that a person can publish and impress a large reading audience with inaccurate and misleading information. The column was edited in a few publications

## Merry-Go-Round

### CBs vs. the Hams

Jack Anderson

THE Federal Communications Commission is quietly stifling the millions of voices that jam the Citizens Band radio frequencies. An estimated nine million licensees — truck drivers, teenagers, housewives, even a former First Lady — now operate more than 20 million CB sets. The airwaves have become so crowded that the CB industry has appealed for more frequencies. These would have to be taken from the ham radio operators, who add up to no more than 300,000. Yet the commission has favored the few over the many.

The 300,000 hams have 100 times more airspace than is available to the nine million CB enthusiasts. The hams also have a lock on the higher frequencies, which are free from interference.

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ACCORDING to one confidential report, the hams now control more frequencies than all the nation's police and fire departments combined, plus all commercial and educational FM broadcasters, plus all the TV stations on the VHF channels in Los Angeles and New York City.

The telecommunications policy-makers at the White House have quietly notified the Federal Communications Commission on three occasions that there would be no objections to expanding the airwaves for the CB users.

Still, the commission has refused to take the hint. One reason may be that CB radio is regulated by officials who,

according to a confidential report, "have traditionally been hams." The report, prepared for Representative Elliott Levitas, (Dem-Ga.), describes this arrangement as "The wolf guarding the flock."

The opposition to giving the CB industry a greater share of the airwaves has been generated largely by the American Radio Relay League, which the report describes as "a lobbying organization" representing ham operators.

The league has fired off a special "flash bulletin" to its members, urging them "to utilize every league resource" to prevent the incursion of CB buffs into their airspace.

**Footnote:** The Federal Communications Commission's chief engineer, Raymond Spence, is a lifetime member of the league. Yet he has made decisions detrimental to the CB industry. He denied that his membership is a conflict of interest.

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THE MAIL to President Carter has passed the flood stage. In desperation, the White House has called in emergency help from two federal agencies. The Veterans Administration has rushed over 27 secretaries and clerks; the Health, Education and Welfare Dept. has contributed another 20 employees to help process the mail. Spokesmen assured us that the sudden increase in the population of the White House is "temporary."

that did not have apparently enough space to cover the entire article (thanks for little favors). The problem is, of course, now that Mr. Anderson has nationally maligned the amateur radio fraternity in one, fell swoop, just how do we go about righting this atrocity?? Let us hope that our ARRL is adequate to cope with the problem. It appears that the electronics industry certainly must have an enormous amount of lobby power in order to influence a writer of Mr. Anderson's calibre to write such punishing lines.

There have been articles, letters to the editor of some of the papers but, unfortunately, these are most often not read by the majority of the readers as those who read the "big" columns. Jack A. Holmes, W6RCP of Santa Clara wrote to the San Jose Mercury and his last paragraph of his letter to the editor reads: "Mr. Anderson got into an area here where I have many years of experience and it is obvious to me he didn't do his homework on this one, so I can't help wonder how many times he has led me astray in areas where I am not so experienced."

It makes this editor wonder, too.

N6BT

### CONTEST CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Hopefully, everyone who was in attendance at the Fresno Convention found the Contest Forum both interesting and challenging! Congratulations to Rusty, W6OAT, who set it up and to all the "expert" participants.

This month's activities found many of our NCCC'ers in battle in

both Open CD Parties and the gas-and-a-half mini-contests that follow the usual Tuesday night which meets on or about 3815 kHz at 7:30 pm Pacific time. (Remember the net, guys? !!) The month of May has now been designated as "QSO Party" month - a good time to have lots of fun

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and some not-to-intense competition.

Looking ahead, June is Field Day time, so be sure you are in attendance at the April and May meetings to hear about it and contribute your own ideas and help and carry out what looks like our best FD effort/plans so far. Finally, by the 25th meeting, WE HOPE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION OF OUR SECOND, CONSECUTIVE NATIONAL TITLE IN SWEEPSTAKES!!

CU there, DSV

SG BASHES IT AGAIN.....

MARK your calendar and reserve Saturday, June 4th to attend the second-year-in-a-row get-together at K6SG's picnic. It will be pot luck (pot luck at George's means a great feast) with the NCCC furnishing the beer and hot dawgs. Of course, there will be copious quantities of SG (that's Squeezed Grapes) by SG. More details to follow in the June issue of the JUG.

ANNOUNCING the Fifth Annual Sacramento Iley Ham Swap (better go and keep the SV guys happy) on May 21, 1977 at 8:30 am to 5 pm at Carmichael Park, Carmichael, CA.

Admission is FREE, auctions, raffles, food and refreshments and exhibits. Grand Prize is a CLEGG 220 mHz Transceiver.

Talk-in frequency is 146.52 mHz. Sponsored by the North Hills Radio Club. Swap tables are available if you have "stuff" to sell.

CU at all of the above!! K6SG

HEAR YE, HEAR YE.....

BADGES that will be available to be picked up at the April meeting are the following:

K6PU, WA6JFZ, WB6JIK, N6RA, W6DPD

QSL CARDS that will be available at same place: W6OAT, WA6DYZ, A6MQS, WA6JUD

QSL ORDER INFORMATION:

\$ 5.50 per thousand for initial order

\$19.50 per K for two calls on initial order, or the Snoopy KB emblem, or your own original artwork on the card.

For orders over one K. the price drops to \$14.50 for each additional thousand. i.e. two K cards

3 is \$34.00 and three K cards are \$48.50, etc. Reprints of cards previously ordered are only \$14.50 per thousand.

BADGES are \$2.75 and BOTH the QSL cards and badges can be ordered from W6RGG, Bob Vallio. In order to make a QSL card printer-run, Bob needs four (4) different cards or more before the machine gets turned on. Be sure to make all checks payable to - Bob Vallio.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER.....

Robert Van Geen, WB6SHD (super hot dog).  
Bob lives at 1108 Hollenbeck Ave  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

h: (408) 739-0394

He is 15 years old, holds a General ticket and operates 99.99% CW. Has participated in the Novice Round-up and was one of those high-pitched voices you probably heard from the multi-op at W6PAA for the ARRL DX contest.

AND YET ANOTHER CCC.....

Well, we have the NCCC and the SCCC, now we also have the YCCC. The Murphy's Marauder's and the NECC have virtually been voted out of existence and the emergent club is known as the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. The center of the YCCC is Staffordville, CT and adjoining Wales, MA. The YCCC currently boasts some 80 plus experienced contest members. Staff is: K1ZM (WA2CLQ, Jeff) Pres.

W4SYL Vice Pres.

K1RQF Activities Manager

W1TAH Treasurer

K1XX Secretary

MM still retains some 10-15 members who are holding onto the old club's name, etc. Best of wishes to the YCCC and, as we would say out here in the West..... Good Ruck Contest, OM (thanks to Bob, W1ARR for the above info.)

ALL-ASIA RESULTS (partial listing).....

USA, all band

K3MNT/7 (now N7XX) 46,428 1st

AA6VEF/6 35,629 2nd

W6MAR 29,413 3rd

multi:

W6PAA 89,890 1st

Asia:

UW9AF 184,907 1st

Oceania:

AG6JFY 128,412 1st

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7mHz: W6PXX 4,625 1st

WB6CEI 2,552

WA6VNR 119

14mHz: W6CCP 43,710 1st

K6HIH 30,053

W6OKK 26,363

21mHz: AA6MQS/6 3,312 1st

WA6DNM 466

#### NEW FCC REGULATIONS AND RULES.....

Do not have the actual text of the FCC ruling, but the heart is as follows: as of April 15th -

- a) Amateur radio transmitters MUST have all harmonic output at least 40db down.
- b) It will be illegal to buy, sell, trade a linear amplifier that has a total plate dissipation of more than 1,000 watts. This apparently does not apply to private sales.

BE SURE that your station conforms to these new rules and remember that if you crank up that old amp to its limit, the harmonics et al gets pretty bad. Hope to have some info at the April meeting concerning testing/checking of our rigs for meeting the spec.

#### FOR SALE:

Drake TR-4, MS-4, AC-4, DX-Eng processor.  
\$550/negotiable WA6BMV, Jim

Drake B-Line complete with Magnum-Six processor. \$700 WA6KAC, Nick

#### ABOUT ALL THOSE CALLS.....

There has recently been quite a bit of talk going on about two aspects of contesting. The first of these is the proliferation of multi-calls exchanging during contests. For example, you work N6BT and know that WA6SFT and WAØENP

4 are also licensed to the op and station, so you proceed to get two additional Q's. This does provide you with a definite advantage over the other competitor who does not know all these "extra" calls. The second point is first explained by W6RTT at the Fresno Contest Forum as running "power". With the current level of commercial amps in use, it is fairly easy to run a bit "extra", for whatever it gives as an advantage. Both of these subjects have been discussed already at length and fall under the new category of "Contest Ethics". It seems only right and fitting that the great contest club on the west coast, the NCCC, take the lead in this ethical matter and set the standard for contesting. Let us all take a moment or two and review our own feelings and we will probably find that contesting would be even more exciting with everyone by a good code of ethics.

#### W6PAA breakdowns (by band, that is).....

ARRL DX PHONE, multi-multi

160	80	40	20	15	10
Q 9	199	695	1074	869	94 = 2,940
M 8	42	60	125	79	40 = 354
Total score = 3,122,280					

ARRL DX CW, single op-all band

160	80	40	20	15	10
Q 9	180	998	806	414	50 = 2,457
M 7	27	81	87	54	26 = 282
Total score = 2,078,622					

W6NUT was something BB, is now N6RA  
WA6SFT (WAØENP) is now N6BT  
K6OVJ is now N7FU WA6NGG is now K6XV  
K7JCA is now K7SS  
WA6JVD is now N6JV any others??  
WA1KID is now W6XR  
WB6HDH is now N6VV

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